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## **Governor Baker Nominates Attorneys Nielsen, Wendlandt to Courts**

**BOSTON** – Today, Governor Charlie Baker nominated Arose W. Nielsen to the Juvenile Court in Western Massachusetts, and Dalila Arguez Wendlandt to the Appeals Court. Nielsen has extensive experience in family law, housing discrimination, and domestic violence cases, and Wendlandt is an expert in patent, and trade secret, and trademark misappropriation litigation.

“Arose Nielsen and Dalila Arguez Wendlandt are leaders in their respective law practices, and their experiences are bound to benefit the litigants and lawyers who appear before them,” **said Governor Charlie Baker**. “Their commitment to fairness and justice for Massachusetts citizens is commendable, and if confirmed, they will be valuable assets to the District and Appeals Courts.”

“Attorneys Nielson and Wendlandt are both impressive litigators who are highly dedicated to the rule of law,” **said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito**. “I am pleased with their nominations and I look forward to their review by the Governor’s Council.”

Nielsen has been nominated for the Juvenile Court seat in Hampden County vacated by Judge James G. Collins who was appointed by Acting Governor Jane M. Swift in 2001. Judge Collins served as the First Justice of the Franklin/Hampshire Juvenile Court.

Wendlandt has been nominated to the Appeals Court seat vacated by Justice Elspeth B. Cypher who was originally appointed to the Appeals Court by Governor Paul Cellucci in 2000 and who was elevated to the Supreme Judicial Court by Governor Baker in March of this year.

The Juvenile Court Department is a statewide court with jurisdiction over civil and criminal matters including delinquencies, youthful offender cases, care and protections and children

requiring assistance cases. The Juvenile Court has 41 judges, including the Chief Justice, in over 40 locations.

For more information about the Juvenile Court, please visit: <http://www.mass.gov/courts/court-info/trial-court/juv/>

The Appeals Court is the intermediate appellate court to which most appeals from the Massachusetts Trial Courts and a number of administrative bodies are made. The Court has one Chief and 24 Associate Justices.

For more information about the Massachusetts Appeals Court, visit <http://www.mass.gov/courts/court-info/appealscourt/>.

Judicial nominations are subject to the advice and consent of the Governor's Council. Applicants for judicial openings are reviewed by the Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC) and recommended to the governor. Governor Baker established the JNC in February, 2015 pursuant to Executive Order 558, a non-partisan, non-political Commission composed of volunteers from a cross-section of the Commonwealth's diverse population to screen judicial applications. Twenty-one members were later appointed to the JNC in April, 2015.

#### **About Arose W. Nielsen**

Attorney Arose W. Nielsen has been Partner at Carvajal & Nielsen, P.C. since 2007, where she concentrates in family law and child welfare in the Springfield Juvenile Court and Hampden County Probate and Family Court. Attorney Nielsen has been appointed guardian ad litem on several cases in the Juvenile Court. She served as a Staff Attorney for the Legal Assistance Corporation of Central Massachusetts from 2001-2007 and also has experience working with the Law Registry for the Day, Berry & Howard, LLP, the Center for Human Development and has volunteered at the Domestic Violence Unit of the Hampden County District Attorney's Office. Attorney Nielsen received her B.A in Comparative Literature with a minor in Russian Language from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 1993, and earned her J.D. at Western New England College School of Law in 2000. Attorney Nielsen has taught classes in American Politics at the University of Massachusetts Lowell and is the lead vocalist for The Annulments, a cover band composed of lawyers of the Worcester County Bar Association, proceeds from the group are used to support local communities. Attorney Nielsen and her husband, Brent, have raised a daughter and son and reside in Belchertown.

#### **About Dalila Arguez Wendlandt**

Dalila Arguez Wendlandt is currently a partner in the Intellectual Property Litigation Group at Ropes & Gray in Boston, where she focuses on counseling clients in industries ranging from life sciences to semiconductor manufacturing. She has worked on a wide variety of cases, including trade secret misappropriation and patent infringement litigation. Attorney Wendlandt has also

provided various pro bono activities including assisting clients with applications for political asylum and representation of a death row inmate. She also served as a Special Assistant District Attorney for Middlesex County. Prior to starting at Ropes & Gray, Ms. Wendlandt clerked for Judge John M. Walker, Jr., in the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, based in New York. Ms. Wendlandt graduated from the University of Illinois in 1991 with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, and received her M.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1993. She earned her J.D. from Stanford University Law School in 1996, where she served as Article Development Editor of the *Stanford Law Review*. She resides with her family in Newton.

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